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Office Action Summary	Application No. 10/726,889	Applicant(s) TAKEYAMA et al.	
	Examiner TUYEN T. NGUYEN	Art Unit 2832	

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Period for Reply

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 02 May 2005.
 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-20 is/are pending in the application.
 4a) Of the above claim(s) 6-12, 19 and 20 is/are withdrawn from consideration.
 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1, 3, 5, 17 and 18 is/are rejected.
 7) ☒ Claim(s) 2, 4 and 13-16 is/are objected to.
 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
 Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
 Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
 1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

Election/Restrictions

Applicant's election without traverse of group I, embodiment 1 [figures 1-4], claims 1-5 and 11-18 [noted, applicant did not make any arguments] in the reply filed on 05/02/2005 is acknowledged.

Applicant's election with traverse of group I, embodiment 1 [figures 1-4] in the reply filed on 05/02/2005 is acknowledged. The traversal is on the ground(s) that claims 1-5 and 11-18 read on the elected species. This is not found persuasive because claims 11-12 do not read on the elected species. Claims 1-5 and 13-18 will be examined herewith.

The requirement is still deemed proper and is therefore made FINAL.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

Claim 3 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

Applicant should clarify what is intended by "wherein insulating resin material other than the coil insulating resin material and the connector insulating resin material is not filled."

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

Claims 1, 3, 5 and 17-18, as best understood in view of the rejection under 35 USC 112 second paragraph, are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Maekawa et al. [US 5,977,856].

Maekawa et al. discloses an ignition coil [figure 5] comprising:

- a casing [figure 5]
- a central core [6];
- a secondary spool [33] arranged on an outer peripheral side of the core;
- a secondary coil [31] wound around an outer peripheral surface of the secondary spool;
- epoxy resin filled between the windings of the secondary coil;
- a primary spool [39] arranged on an outer peripheral side of the secondary coil;
- a primary coil [32] wound around an outer peripheral surface of the primary spool;
- a connector [19] having a connector terminal electrically to the primary and second coils and arranged in the upper part of the casing;
- epoxy resin filled in the upper part of the casing; and
- an igniter control circuit [10] disposed in the upper part of the casing and being filled with epoxy resin.

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Regarding claim 3, epoxy resin not filled in the space between the core and the secondary spool.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 2, 4 and 13-16 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to TUYEN T. NGUYEN whose telephone number is 571-272-1996. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F 8:30-6:30.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, ELVIN ENAD can be reached on 571-272-1990. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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